

## REMARKS:

In a Restriction Requirement dated 30 June 2006 applicant elected claims 1-12 in a response filed 11 July 2006, of these claims the Examiner has allowed claims 10-12.

Allowable subject matter has been found in claims 5-7 which have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 1-4, 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art in view of Franks.

Applicant has now amended claim 1 to include the limitation set forth in claim 5 which resulted in amending dependent claims 6 and 7 to now depend from claim 1. Claim 5 has been further amended to limit the step of feeding a board to include utilizing a feeder arm. Claim 8 has been amended to remove a redundant limitation and to further limit the step of removing the boarded item to include utilizing a lift arm as found in the specification. Claims 2-4 and 9 also depend from believed allowable claim 1 and are also now believed allowable.

Accordingly, applicant believes with the changes made to the claims that all remaining claims as now presented are in condition for allowance over applicant's admitted prior art and the prior art patent of Franks whether such art is considered under §102 or in combination under §103.

Claim allowance is therefore earnestly solicited at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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